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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A purified polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1331, ~~or a purified polypeptide comprising a contiguous amino acid sequence with at least 70% sequence identity to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1331,~~ wherein the polypeptide comprises at least one antigenic determinant and wherein the polypeptide can detect the presence of antibodies raised against *Neisseria meningitidis* serogroup B in a sample and has a length of 100 amino acids or less.

Claims 2-9 (Canceled)

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): A composition comprising the polypeptide of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle.

Claims 11-23 (Canceled).

Claim 24 (Withdrawn-Currently amended): A method of detecting the presence of a ~~meningeococcal~~ *Neisseria meningitidis* serogroup B antibodies in a biological sample comprising contacting the biological sample with the polypeptide of claim 1.

Claim 25 (Canceled).

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): The polypeptide of claim 1 [[25]], wherein the polypeptide has a length of 50 amino acids or less.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): The polypeptide of claim 1 [[25]], wherein the polypeptide has a length of 25 amino acids or less.

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Claim 28 (Currently Amended): The polypeptide of claim 1[[25]], wherein the polypeptide has a length of 20 amino acids or less.

Claim 29 (Canceled).

Claim 30 (Previously Presented): A composition comprising the polypeptide of claim 26 and a pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle.

Claim 31 (Previously Presented): A composition comprising the polypeptide of claim 27 and a pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle.

Claim 32 (Previously Presented): A composition comprising the polypeptide of claim 28 and a pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle.

Claim 33 (Canceled).

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